

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )  
Yukitoshi KATO ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: November 27, 2001 )  
For: Instrument for Extroverting Blood ... )

#3  
Pee  
Amends  
A

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Kindly replace Claim 18, and add new Claim 19, as follows:*

A1 -- 18. (Amended) A set of a blood vessel extroverting instrument according to claim 2 and a clip ring capable of being fitted around a blood vessel.

A2 -- 19. (New) A set of a blood vessel extroverting instrument according to claim 11 and a clip ring capable of being fitted around a blood vessel. --

09993633 112701